CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

Claims 1-3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) An image correction apparatus comprising:

a reflective scanner for reading a print image which has an identifying mark provided at a position of a defect on a scanned image of the print image; and

an image correction section for correcting and repairing image data of the defect on said scanned image by utilizing the position of said identifying mark on the scanned image read by the reflective scanner, the corrected image data reproducing image data of the scanned image without the defect,

wherein the defect is caused by at least one of

a scratch on the print image,

a dust on the print image,

a stain on the print image,

a red-eye of a photographed person in the print image, and

a region having different chromaticity, brightness and chroma from those of a peripheral region of the scanned image due to a defect of a scanning pickup element used for scanning the print image.

5. (Previously Presented) The image correction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the image correction section corrects image data of the scanned image data by comparing the image data of the scanned image with fine scan image data of the print image.

6. (Previously Presented) The image correction apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

an image display unit for displaying an image of said image data in an enlarged state corresponding to the position of said identifying mark on said scanned image.

7. (Previously Presented) The image correction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said image correction section detects the position of said identifying mark by comparing the image data of said print image with the image data of said scanned image.

8. (Withdrawn) A digital photoprinter comprising:

a scanner for photoelectrically reading a print image on a film; and

an image recording unit, said image recording unit further including

an image processing apparatus for performing image processing on image data read by the scanner;

an image correction apparatus for correcting a defect in the image data read by the scanner;

wherein said image correction apparatus further includes

a reflective scanner for reading a print image which has an identifying mark provided at a position of a defect on a scanned image of the print image; and

an image correction section for correcting image data of said scanned image by utilizing the position of said identifying mark on the scanned image read by the reflective scanner; and

a printer for outputting a print that has been processed and corrected in the digital photoprinter.

9. (Withdrawn) The digital photoprinter according to claim 8, wherein the image correction section corrects image data of the scanned image data by comparing the image data of the scanned image with fine scan image data of the print image.

10. (Withdrawn) The digital photoprinter according to claim 8, further comprising:

an image display unit for displaying an image of said image data in an enlarged state corresponding to the position of said identifying mark on said scanned image.

11. (Withdrawn) The digital photoprinter according to claim 8, wherein said image correction section detects the position of said identifying mark by comparing the image data of said print image with the image data of said scanned image.

12. (Previously Presented) The image correction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the identifying mark is manually provided by an operator.

13. (Withdrawn) The digital photoprinter according to claim 8, wherein the identifying mark is manually provided by an operator.

14. (Previously Presented) A digital photoprinter comprising:

a scanner for photoelectrically reading a print image on a film; and

an image recording unit, said image recording unit further including

an image processing apparatus for performing image processing on image data read by the scanner;

an image correction apparatus for correcting a defect in the image data read by the scanner;

wherein said image correction apparatus further includes

a reflective scanner for reading a print image which has an identifying mark provided at a position of a defect on a scanned image of the print image; and

an image correction section for correcting image data of said scanned image by utilizing the position of said identifying mark on the scanned image read by the reflective scanner; and

a printer for outputting a print that has been processed and corrected in the digital photoprinter,

wherein the image correction section corrects image data of the scanned image data by comparing the image data of the scanned image with fine scan image data of the print image,

the digital photoprinter further comprising:

an image display unit for displaying an image of said image data in an enlarged state corresponding to the position of said identifying mark on said scanned image.